

ABSTRACTPharmaceutical Compositions

Disclosed is a pharmaceutical composition suitable for oral administration in the form of a homogeneous solution which on exposure to water or gastrointestinal fluids forms an emulsion having a particle size of less than 5 microns, the solution containing:

- (a) a pharmaceutically effective amount of a cyclosporin, in particular Cyclosporin A
- (b) a carrier medium which is a triglycerol monoester of a fatty acid having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms or mixtures thereof,
- (c) polyethylene glycol,
- (d) a non-ionic surfactant having a hydrophilic lipophilic balance (HLB) greater than 10, and
- (e) optionally, a viscosity reducing agent,

the composition being substantially free from ethanol.

The preferred carrier medium is triglycerol monooleate. Examples of the viscosity reducing agent are glycerol monocaprylate and glycerol monooleate.